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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS) PDIP, US, IS

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM - CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE AND
INVITATION TO MENACHEM BEGIN
(S/S 7715833)

1. ISSUE FOR DECISION.

THE NEW ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE INSTALLED ON
JUNE 20. IN KEEPING WITH PAST PRACTICE, AND PARTICULARLY
GIVEN BEGIN'S SENSITIVITY ABOUT HIS ACCEPTABILITY TO US, WE
STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE EMBASSY HAVE ON HAND A CONGRATU-
LATORY MESSAGE INCORPORATING AN INVITATION FROM THE
PRESIDENT TO PRESENT TO BEGIN AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER
THE KNESSET'S APPROVAL OF THE NEW CABINET. WE WOULD LIKE
YOUR AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK THE WHITE HOUSE'S APPROVAL OF
THE TEXT OF THE LETTER INCORPORATED IN THE SUGGESTED CABLE
WHICH FOLLOWS IN PARAGRAPH 3.

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2. ESSENTIAL FACTORS:

WE HAVE ATTACHED THE ENTIRE TEXT OF THE CABLE WHICH WE
WOULD LIKE TO SEND TO TEL AVIV SO THAT YOU MAY REVIEW THE
INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EMBASSY AS WELL AS THE TEXT OF THE
LETTER. THE QUOTATION IN THE PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL
MESSAGE IS FROM "PROVERBS." "HER" REFERS TO THE TORAH AND

IS PART OF THE JEWISH LITURGY USED ON THE REMOVAL OF THE

TORAH FROM THE ARK. AS SUCH, IT WILL BE FAMILIAR TO ALL
IN ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED STATES.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF PROPOSED CABLE TO TEL AVIV

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, PFOR, IS, US

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE AND INVITA-
TION TO PRIME MINISTER BEGIN

IMMEDIATE TEL AVIV NIACT

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
TO PRIME MINISTER AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER THE GOVERN-
MENT IS APPROVED BY KNESSET AND DULY INVESTED. WHITE
HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF GOI
WISHES TO DO SO.

2. PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE - BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACCESSION
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AS PRIME MINISTER, AND THE BEST WISHES OF THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT. THE PROCESS OF
DEMOCRATIC CHOICE WHICH HAS BROUGHT YOU TO THIS OFFICE AND
THIS RESPONSIBILITY DEMONSTRATES THE ATTACHMENT OF ISRAEL
TO THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY AND INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY WHICH
WE SHARE AND WHICH IS THE HALLMARK OF ALL FREE SOCIETIES.
WE ARE LINKED AS WELL WITH YOUR GREAT NATION IN OUR COMMIT-
MENT TO THE MORAL PRECEPTS OF DEMOCRACY: ITS HUMANITARIAN
VALUES OF PEACE, JUSTICE, AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. THESE
COMMON AND FUNDAMENTAL DEMOCRATIC PRECEPTS, SHARED BETWEEN
US, ARE THE FOUNDATION OF OUR SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP AND THE
COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS HISTORI-
CALLY MAINTAINED.

AS YOU KNOW, I AM DEEPLY COMMITTED TO HELPING ISRAEL AND
ITS NEIGHBORS SEEK A LASTING PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE
CONFLICT BETWEEN THEM. I AM SURE THAT THIS IS AN OBJECTIVE
I SHARE WITH YOU, AND I WOULD WELCOME YOUR IDEAS ON HOW
PROGRESS TOWARDS PEACE CAN BEST BE ACHIEVED. GIVEN THE

DEPTH AND RANGE OF OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS, I BELIEVE IT
IMPORTANT THAT WE MEET AT AN EARLY DATE TO ESTABLISH A PER-
SONAL RELATIONSHIP AND EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE NEGOTIATIONS
OF A PEACE SETTLEMENT AND ON OTHER MATTERS OF MUTUAL
CONCERN.

I WOULD LIKE, THEREFORE, TO INVITE YOU TO VISIT THE UNITED
STATES DURING THE LATTER HALF OF JULY TO JOIN WITH YOU IN
A PARTNERSHIP OF PRINCIPLE LEADING TO A JUST AND PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ITS NEIGHBORS.
WE BOTH ARE BLESSED WITH THE HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO BE
MEN OF PEACE--AND IN SO DOING TO GIVE SUBSTANCE TO THE
RELIGIOUS MEANING OF OUR SOCIETIES: "HER WAYS ARE WAYS OF
PLEASANTNESS, AND ALL HER PATHS ARE PEACE."

WITH BEST WISHES.

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SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER

END TEXT

4. ON DELIVERING PRESIDENTIAL LETTER, YOU SHOULD ADD
ORALLY THAT THE PRESIDENT HOPES THAT BEGIN COULD BE IN
WASHINGTON ON JULY 19 AND 20. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEGIN'S
CONFIRMING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THAT THESE DATES WOULD BE
ACCEPTABLE.

END TEXT OF PROPOSED CABLE TO TEL AVIV

4. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU APPROVE THE ABOVE TEXT AFTER
WHICH WE WILL SEEK NSC CLEARANCE.

APPROVE DISAPPROVE

5. DRAFTER:NEA/IAI:MDSTERNBERG
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